

Maricopa County Community Services Commission
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 N. Central, 3rd Floor Arizona Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Monday, February 23rd, 2009
6:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Councilman Steve Frate	Low Income Representative- Glenn Cuzzort
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Clotilde Penalosa	Salt River Project- Marty Sonnenberg
Sister Barbara Webster	City of Tolleson – Councilwoman Kathie Farr
Valley of the Sun United Way- Amy Schwabenlender	Councilman Frank Scott
Salvation Army – David Clitheroe	
APS - Louise Moskowitz	

Members Not Present:

Town of Gila Bend, Mayor Fred Hull
Chicanos Por La Causa- Terri Cruz

Presenters/Staff/Guests Present:

Staff:

Marge Leyvas
Eileen Hartnett

Guests:

Eddie Sissons
Racel Aleman, Chandler/Gilbert CAP

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| 1. Call to Order | The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Steve Frate. |
| 2. Roll Call | Eileen Hartnett called roll and a quorum was established. |
| 3. Opening Prayer | Marty Sonnenberg led the prayer. |
| 4. Pledge of Allegiance | Kathie Farr led the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| 5. Approval of Minutes | Amy Schwabenlender made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 26 th , 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kathie Farr. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. |
| 6. Election of Officers | Three Officer positions, that of Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair were open for election. The question of the responsibilities of the Secretary was raised. Marge Leyvas indicated that the Secretary ensures that minutes of the meeting are taken. Amy Schwabenlender nominated Councilwoman Kathie Farr as Secretary, to continue her term. Councilman Frank Scott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. The question of the responsibilities of the Vice Chair was raised. Marge Leyvas indicated that the Vice Chair would act as the Chair when the Chair is unavailable, and is also a part of the Executive Committee. For the Vice Chair Officer, Marty Sonnenberg nominated Amy Schwabenlender. Councilman Frank Scott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. For the Chair, Chairman Steve Frate nominated Louise Moskowitz. Councilwoman Kathie Farr seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. Congratulations to all new officers for 2009. |

7. Director's Report

- The Division is not applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funding this phase. Eight of the Division's subcontracted CAP agencies did attend one of the application trainings for these funds held by WHEAT, the new administrative entity. Peoria, Wickenburg, Buckeye, and Guadalupe CAP did not attend. Attendance by a representative of the agency is mandatory in order to apply for funds. The local EFSP board met on Thursday of last week. They determined a division of 50% to food and 50% to shelter of the total funds. An additional \$1.7 million may be coming to the program as part of the federal stimulus; these may be distributed over the current and next Phase, to be determined by the national board.
- The City of Glendale has not yet officially given notice, by Council action, to Maricopa County of their intent to have Maricopa County relinquish their service area from the Maricopa County CAA service area. Marge explained the CAA designation process, and that Maricopa County must receive notice from the City of Glendale by March 31st in order for us to notify DES by June 30th, pending an action by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Marge explained that a viable non-profit agency would obtain the status of CAA, and if there is no viable non-profit, then the City may apply for this designation. The City would then deal directly with all of the funder, including DES, Department of Commerce, Energy Office, Department of Housing, should they obtain designation as a CAA.
- Marge Leyvas gave an overview of the current state and federal budget and stimulus impacts on the Community Services Division. A handout of the DES cuts stated impacts, such as not investigating 100% of Adult Protective Services referrals, 20% reduction in cash assistance for households, and decrease in funding for homeless shelter contracts. Amy Schwabenlender noted that the AZ 2-1-1 system was defunded and no longer is in service. DES initially indicated a \$1.9 million reduction in CAA's LIHEAP funds; tomorrow there is a meeting with DES and the CAA's from the state to find out the exact figures of LIHEAP reductions. She believes we may see reductions in TANF and/or SSBG in addition to the LIHEAP, but what the combination will look like is yet to be determined. Maricopa County provides some general Fund dollars, which go directly to the CAP agencies for operations, and any cuts are likely to happen in FY 10, not in FY 09, however the MCBOS has not yet determined their FY09 final budget. Marge handed out the "Recoverf.gov" web information, indicating that we can expect a large increase in weatherization of homes, and a partnership with our own Workforce Development Division and the Foundation for Senior Living Certification Training is in the works. Also, HUD is going to be providing additional housing dollars to states as part of the stimulus, most of which is to go directly to rent/mortgage assistance, not for administration.
- Marge asked for the assistance of the Commission in recruiting additional low-income representatives. With only 2 current low-income representatives, we are out of compliance, and need an additional 4 low-income members. Marge will send out the nomination and application paperwork, as well the region divisions to assist Commission members in recruitment.

8. Call to the Public

- Amy Schwabenlender, VSUW, announced that the homeless connect event assisted 60 homeless individuals and families, and had over 200 volunteers. There will be another event on March 24th, 2009 at New Life Baptist Church, 8701 W Encanto Blvd, Phoenix.

- Eddie Sissons, Research Advisory Services, will be setting up interviews with Commissioners prior to the next meeting, which is scheduled for March 23rd. They have completed 90% of the data review, and done some mapping for Glendale and Tolleson Service Areas. She asked for interviewees to come with creative ideas on how we should get from “fire fighting” to “fire prevention.”
- Chair Louise Moskowitz noted that Councilwoman Kathie Farr was elected Vice mayor of the City of Tolleson- congratulations Vice Mayor Farr!

9. Adjournment

- Chairwoman Louise Moskowitz called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.